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CHAPTER 02:

"I DON'T PLAN ON BECOMING A KING"

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YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN
YAMADA TAROU
IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THE LOST ART OF MAGIC REMAINS
THE HOLY PHANTASMA KINGDOM... AS ITS 13TH KING
STOP JOKING. I REFUSE.
RELENTLESSLY ASSERTING HIS DECISION!
I DON'T WANT ANY-THING LIKE THAT. I WANT A PEACEFUL LIFE
AN ORDINARY LIFE

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MY LORD DOESN'T UNDERSTAND. MY LORD'S WISHES DON'T MATTER
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THIS IS WHAT THEY CALL "FATE"
UWAH...
MANY OBSTACLES AWAIT YOU
BUT DON'T FRET...
I, KAGUYA, WILL BE AT YOUR SIDE
I WILL TURN YOU INTO A SPLENDID KING!!
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CIRCLING AROUND THE KINGDOM, THE "MISTRESSES" FIGHT! THE SECOND CHAPTER OF THIS HIGH TENSION ACTION SERIES!
SEEKING STRENGTH, DOES SHE HAVE PROSPERITY, OR IS IT BEAUTY?
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IT WAS A DREAM.
FROM THE FIRST FLOOR?
W-WHAT!?

IT'S A MASSIVE FAILURE...
IBARA... LOOKING AT THIS WHAT DO YOU THINK?
DO YOU THINK IT'S EDIBLE?
SOMETHING MOVED
YEP, SOMETHING MOVED
PRINCESS KAGUYA, I'LL TEACH YOU A WISE SAYING
LOVE IS THE BEST SEASONING

I'D RATHER DIE WITHOUT IT
IT'S BREAKFAST TAROU-SAN!!
EXACTLY EAT, TAROU

HERE, IT'S DONE
WELL... I DO LIVE ALONE I HAVE BASIC LIVING SKILLS.
TAROU-SAN COOKS VERY WELL!!
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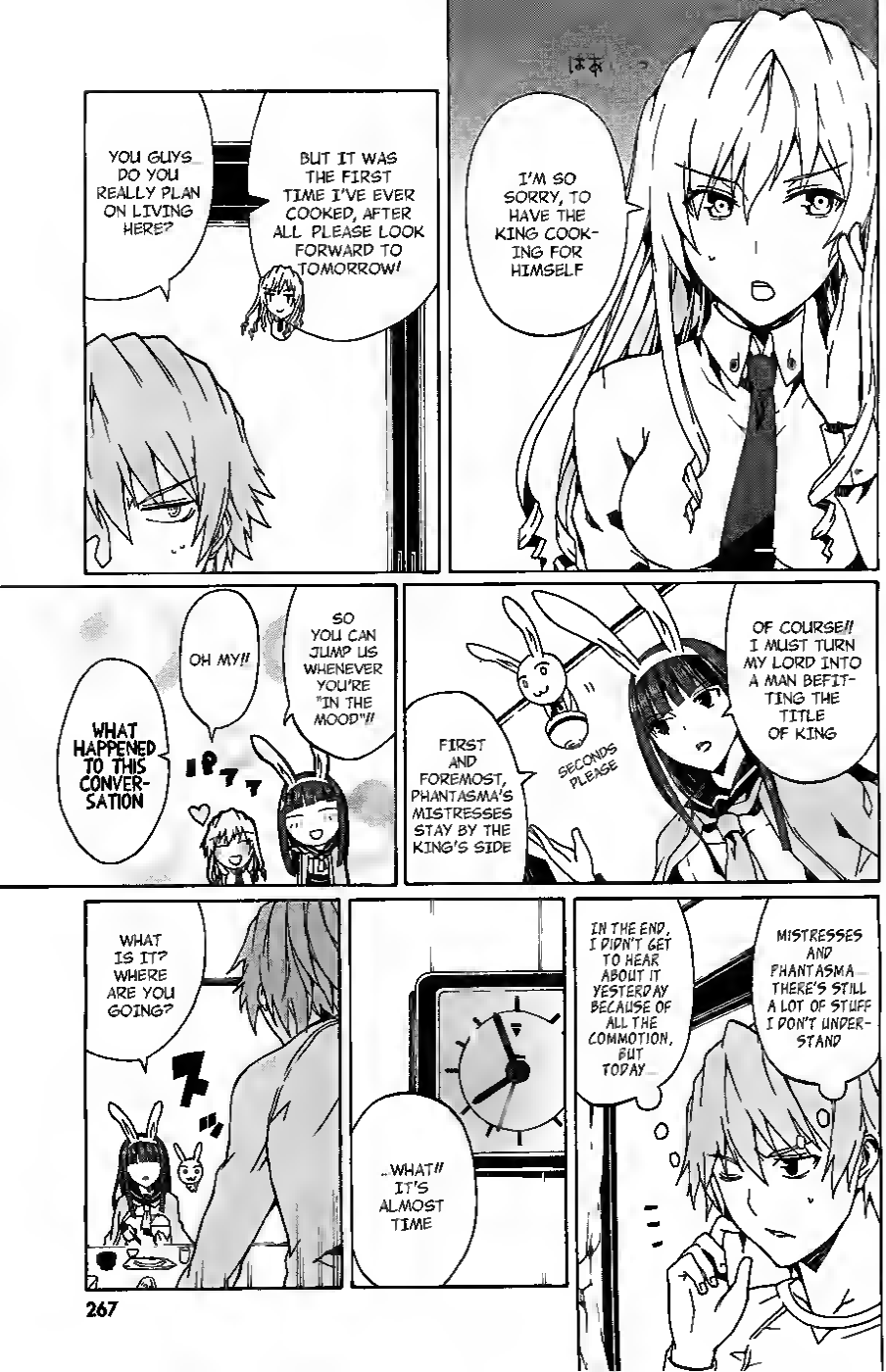
I'M SO SORRY, TO HAVE THE KING COOKING FOR HIMSELF
BUT IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER COOKED, AFTER ALL PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO TOMORROW!
YOU GUYS... DO YOU REALLY PLAN ON LIVING HERE?
OF COURSE!! I MUST TURN MY LORD INTO A MAN BEFITTING THE TITLE OF KING
SECONDS PLEASE
FIRST AND FOREMOST, PHANTASMA'S MISTRESSES STAY BY THE KING'S SIDE
SO YOU CAN JUMP US WHENEVER YOU'RE "IN THE MOOD"!!
OH MY!!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS CONVERSATION
MISTRESSES AND PHANTASMA... THERE'S STILL A LOT OF STUFF I DON'T UNDERSTAND
IN THE END, I DIDN'T GET TO HEAR ABOUT IT YESTERDAY BECAUSE OF ALL THE COMMOTION, BUT TODAY...
..WHAT!! IT'S ALMOST TIME
WHAT IS IT? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

SO IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL LEAVE THE HOUSE SITTING TO YOU
TO SCHOOL.. I'LL BE BACK IN THE EVENING
BUT THEN WHY ARE YOU GUYS FOLLOWING ME!?
WHY DO YOU OBJECT?
. IS WHAT I SAID
MY LORD SHOULD RELY ON ME MORE... IF ANYTHING HAPPENED, FOR EXAMPLE
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING!?
IN THE FIRST PLACE, YOU AREN'T EVEN A STUDENT!!
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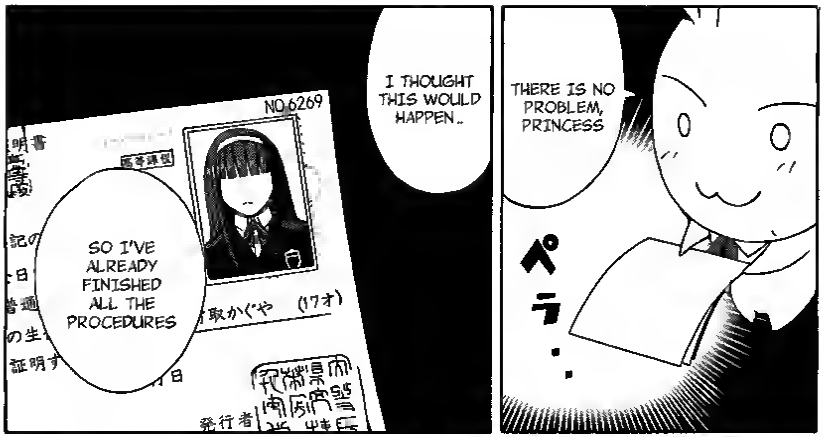
ARGHHH
MY LAST HAVEN... MY "ORDINARY" HIGH SCHOOL LIFE IS DONE FOR!!
STOP MESSING WITH ME IF THESE WEIRDOS COME TO SCHOOL WITH ME
SIGH, WHAT A TROUBLED BOY
AH! HE RAN AWAY
YES
USAGI!!
WHAT'LL YOU DO?
TO MOVE ALONE... HE STILL DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE POSITION HE'S IN


I THOUGHT THIS WOULD HAPPEN..
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SO I'VE ALREADY FINISHED ALL THE PROCEDURES
THERE IS NO PROBLEM, PRINCESS
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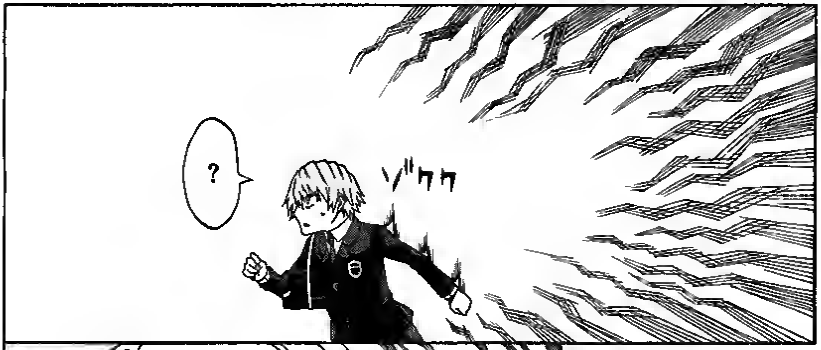
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FOR SOME REASON, I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING..
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A MAID!!?
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IF YOU WANT TO LAUGH, GO AHEAD AND LAUGH
NO WAY, IT CAN'T BE.. SUCH A CLICHE DEVELOP-MENT
A BANANA PEEL?
THINGS LIKE THIS HAPPEN ALL THE TIME
I AM A WOMAN WITHOUT ANY LUCK
I FELL BY SLIPPING ON A BANANA PEEL..
YES.. IT'S EXACTLY AS YOU SUS-PECTED
I DON'T WANNA GET INVOLVED WITH HER...!!
A MISFOR-TUNATE WOMAN!!

HOW KIND. I'M FALLING FOR YOU ♡
UM.. THANKS...
W- WELL, LIFE'S LONG, IT HAPPENS SOMETIME CAN YOU STAND?
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Grrruuumble
WANNA EAT IT?
ARE YOU SURE?

MY MOTHER AND SISTER, EVERYONE BULLIED ME
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER BEEN TREATED SO KINDLY
YOU... WHAT KIND OF LIFE DO YOU HAVE
WELL.. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
I'L JUST BUY SOME BREAD AT THE CAFETERIA
THANK YOU
HUH, MY NAME?
YOU WANNA HEAR? ABOUT MY GRAND LIFE-STYLE?
THERE'S 70 MINUTES OF CONTENT, I'LL NEED ABOUT 120 PAGES
NO.. I'M ALRIGHT
HUH TOO BAD
TAROU... YAMADA TAROU
WELL THEN, I'M OFF TO SCHOOL SO-
WAIT KIND SIR! AT LEAST TELL ME YOUR NAME

SEE YA!
I HOPE
FOR YOUR
HAPPINESS
TAROU
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YAMADA
TAROU

WHEW
MADE IT
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WELL, I HAVE THOSE DAYS TOO
OH? YOU SEEM REALLY TIRED
SUP
THAT'S RARE, FOR YOU TO BE CUTTING IT THIS CLOSE
FOR YOUR EXHAUSTION, HOW ABOUT THIS RAIJI-KUN GIVE YOU A PIECE OF INFORMATION THAT'S SURE TO LIFT YOUR SPIRITS?
LIFT MY SPIRITS?
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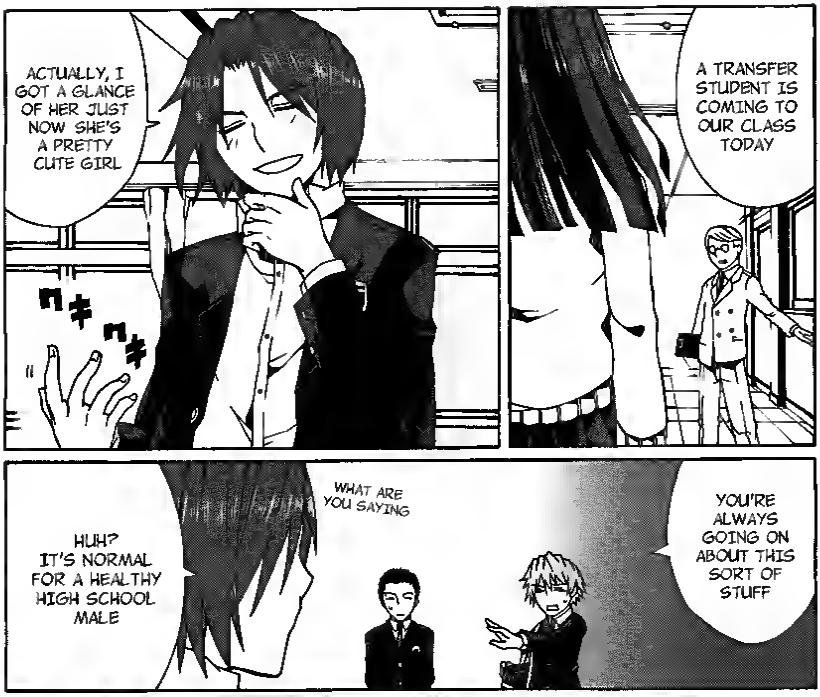
ACTUALLY, I GOT A GLANCE OF HER JUST NOW SHE'S A PRETTY CUTE GIRL
A TRANSFER STUDENT IS COMING TO OUR CLASS TODAY
HUH? IT'S NORMAL FOR A HEALTHY HIGH SCHOOL MALE
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING
YOU'RE ALWAYS GOING ON ABOUT THIS SORT OF STUFF
HOME-ROOM IS STARTING
AND THEN A KISS!! AND IF THINGS ARE LOOKING GOOD, EVEN MORE!!
I WANT TO BECOME A RIAJUU*!!
A ROSE COLORED YOUTH THAT'LL BE THE ENVY OF ALL!!
TO GET CLOSE TO A CUTE GIRL...
AND THEN, IF POSSIBLE, TO GO OUT WITH THEM.

*TL-NOTE: JAPANESE INTERNET SLANG FOR "SOMEONE LIVING THE GOOD LIFE NORMALLY TALKING ABOUT POPULARITY

NOOOO OOOOO OOOOO OO!!
STARTING TODAY, I'M TRANSFERRING TO THIS HIGH SCHOOL!!
MY NAME IS TAKETORI KAGUYA!! PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME
IF I TALKED IN OLD JAPANESE AT SCHOOL, PEOPLE WILL THINK I'M WEIRD I'D BE BULLIED
YOU HAVE TO BE MINDFUL OF YOUR TPO*
I'M NOT!! AND WHAT KIND OF CHARACTER IS THAT?
WHAT IS IT TAROU? YOU SOUND SO HAPPY

*TL NOTE: A JAPANESE MADE ACRONYM MEANING TIME, PLACE, OCCASION. SOMETIMES USED TO DRAW ATTENTION TO A SITUATION OR EXPERIENCE THAT WAS INAPPROPRIATE OR WORTH NOTING

FREEZE
"MIS-TRESS"?
I'M HIS MISTRESS
AH, NO, WE'RE NOT AC-QUAINT-
OH, ARE YOU TAROU'S ACQUAIN-TANCE?
LOVERS?
UM... WHAT'S A GOOD PHRASE...
YEAH...
BATH-ROOM!!
EXCUSE ME SENSEI!!

DRAGGING ME ALL THE WAY TO THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL..
...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MY PEACE-FUL... NO, WE'RE FINE FOR NOW
WHAT HAPPENED TO TFO
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING, COMING ALL THE WAY TO SCHOOL...
AND WHAT HAPPENED TO IBARA?
HMM, MY LORD IS A MAN AFTER ALL... THAT'S FINE
I'VE PREPARED MYSELF. COME AT ME!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!! PUT THOSE AWAY!!
I LEFT HER BEHIND I DON T TRUST HER
HUH?
SO YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR POSITION

THERE WILL DEFINITELY BE MORE ASSASSINS LIKE IBARA SENT HERE IN THE NEAR FUTURE
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I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU BEFORE
I'M A MISTRESS AND A GUARD
HEY... I WANTED TO ASK YOU EARLIER, BUT WHO'S AFTER ME?
WHAT!? TRY SAYING THAT ONE MORE TIME!!
FROM NOW, STAY CLOSE TO ME DON'T MOVE ALONE
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BUT TO THINK THAT IT WOULD BE SO CROWDED HERE..
MORE PRECAUTIONS MUST BE MADE
AH, NO, UM, I- I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY TODAY..
HUH!?
?

HYAA
THEN GO BRING SOME. LIKE YOUR DAD'S WALLET FOR EXAMPLE
I- I CAN'T DO THAT...
WHAT IS THAT
.....
UEEEHH .. EVEN THOUGH THIS IS A PRETTY GOOD HIGH SCHOOL, THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE LIKE THAT HERE
YOU SHOULD JUST SHUT UP AND DO WHAT WE TELL YOU
WHAT, ARE YOU TALKING BACK?
UUU...
I'D REALLY LIKE TO HELP... BUT I'M WEAK. IT'S NO USE
IS MY LORD GOING TO JUST LEAVING THAT ALONE? WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
..LET'S GO

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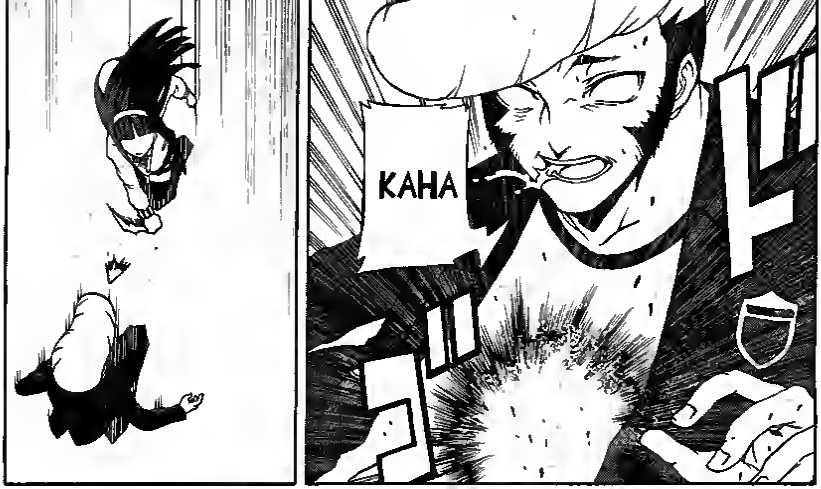
I DON'T PLAN ON BECOMING A KING
DIDN'T I TELL YOU YESTER-DAY?
A KING FIGHTS TO SAVE THE WEAK
TAROU... EVEN THEN!! NO MATTER WHAT THE ADVERSARY!!
STOP RIGHT THERE, SCOUN-DRELS!!
COME ON, LET'S G- WHA?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
STOP IT HUH.. YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE WE'RE BULLIES
WE'RE JUST ASKING FOR A FAVOR, RIGHT?
D'YA SAY SOMETHING? I COULDN'T HEAR YOU TOO WELL
I TOLD YOU TO STOP
WHO'S THIS? NEVER SEEN HER FACE BEFORE
DO YOU WANT TO GO PLAY WITH US?
OR WHAT?
WE'RE BORED OUT OF OUR MINDS SO PLEASE GIVE US SOME MONEY FOR FUN!!
PLEASE LEND SOME MONEY TO US POOR STUDENTS!!

ALRIGHT
I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU GUYS WANT TO KILL TIME HOW-E-VER!!
ARGHH!!
THIS BITCH...!!
ONLY IF YOU GUYS ARE STRONGER THAN ME!!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KAGU-YA!!
DON'T GET COCKY...

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WELL THEN, NOW WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
YOU WANT SOME MORE? I'M HAPPY TO OBLIGE

SHIT
BUT THERE'S ONLY BORING SHIT BASTARDS LIKE YOU AROUND
COME ON, EXCITE ME!! PUT UP A FIGHT!!
DO THEY NOT HAVE ANYTHING MORE THREATENING TO SAY?
SIGH
HUH?
WE'LL REMEMBER THIS!!
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TAROU... MY LORD CALLED HIMSELF "WEAK"
THANK YOU SO MUCH
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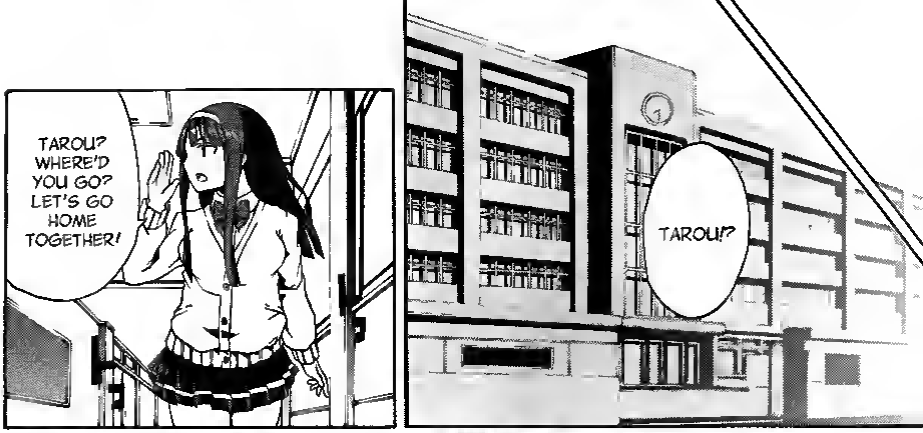
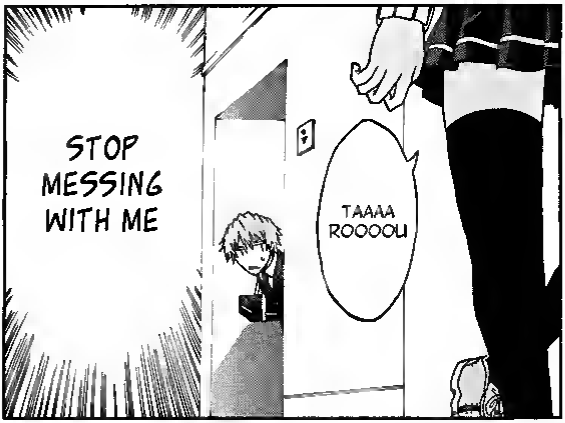
YOU FIGHT BECAUSE YOU ARE WEAK AND YOU FIGHT, AND YOU FIGHT...
AND YOU STAND UP NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU FALL... AND SO THE WEAK BECOMES THE STRONG
YOU DON'T FIGHT BECAUSE YOU ARE STRONG
THEN IT SHOULD BE NOTED YOU CAN'T CHANGE IF YOU DON'T FIGHT


TAROU!?
TAROU? WHERE'D YOU GO? LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER!


STOP MESSING WITH ME
TAAAA ROOOOU

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REALLY..
EVEN THOUGH I TOLD HIM NOT TO GO ALONE HOW TROUBLE-SOME

IT MIGHT BE BAD, BUT I'LL JUST AVOID HER UNTIL THINGS COOL DOWN!!
WELL, RUMORS ONLY LAST 75 DAYS!!
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HEY, ISN'T HE..
AH! THE GUY FROM CLASS 3
HE'S BEING CHASED BY HIS LOVER
I CAN'T LET IT GET ANY WORSE
EVERYONE'S ALREADY HAVING WEIRD MISUNDER-STANDINGS

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FIGHT BECAUSE YOU ARE WEAK, HUH...
EVEN SO... KAGUYA WAS PRETTY AMAZING WASN'T SHE?
WHAT? PRETTY CHEEKY, AREN'T YA?
YOU WANNA GO?
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?
STOP! DON'T YOU FEEL SORRY FOR HER?

I'M DIFFERENT FROM HER
THE NAIL THAT STICKS OUT GETS HAMMERED
IT'S FINE BEING WEAK... AS LONG AS I CAN LIVE NORMALLY, THAT'S GOOD
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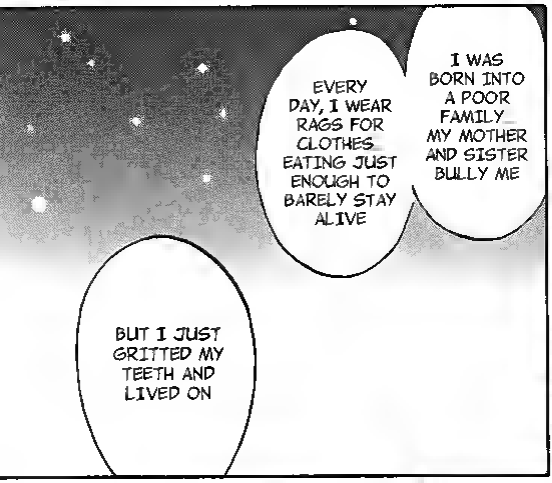
UWOH!?
ASSASSIN KICK!!

HUH?
I'M TAKING MY HAPPINESS


I WAS BORN INTO A POOR FAMILY MY MOTHER AND SISTER BULLY ME
EVERY DAY, I WEAR RAGS FOR CLOTHES EATING JUST ENOUGH TO BARELY STAY ALIVE
BUT I JUST GRITTED MY TEETH AND LIVED ON

YOU'RE FROM THIS MORNING... WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
OWWW-WWW...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT..
BUT LIFE IS CRUEL
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I WAITED, NO PRINCE CAME TO SAVE ME

WAITING FOR A PRINCE TO SAVE ME FROM HERE

I FINALLY UNDER-STOOD..
HAPPINESS ISN'T JUST GIVEN TO YOU.. YOU WIN AND TAKE IT
FOR MY HAPPINESS
YAMADA TAROU, THE 13TH KING OF THE HOLY PHANTASMA KINGDOM...
YOU..!
PLEASE DIE
YOU'RE THE SAME AS IBARA...!

"PUMPKIN CARRIAGE"
RUN HIM OVER TO DEATH

!
WHAT'S WRONG
HMM?
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THE ENERGY'S DISSI-PATED, BUT YOU ARE UNIN-JURED..

THAT'S YAMADA TAROU'S ROYAL PRIVILEGE?
SO IT REALLY CAN DISPEL MAGIC
WELL THAT'S FINE
THERE ARE COUNTLESS WAYS TO KILL
IN THE FIRST PLACE, I BROUGHT MAGIC...
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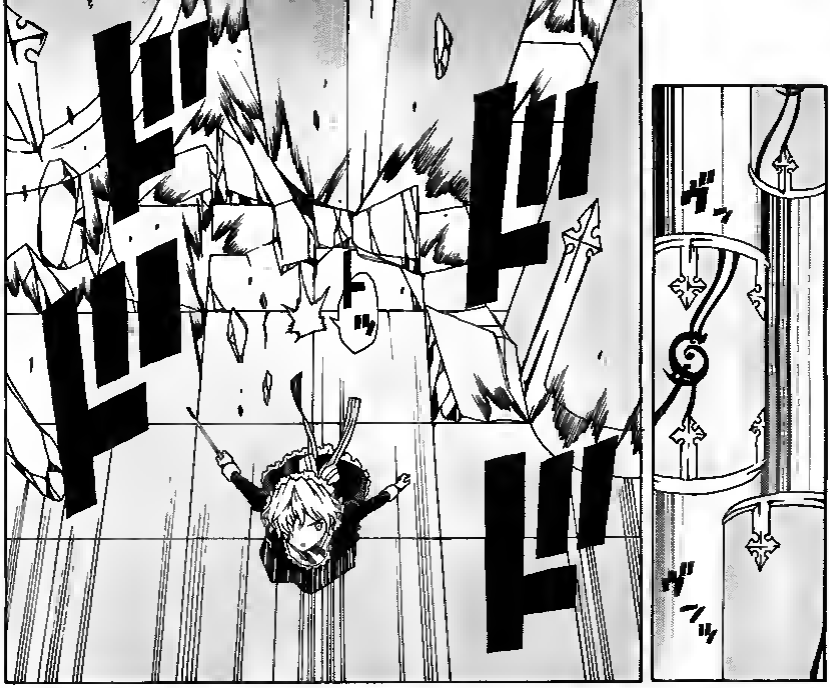
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TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE LIKE YOU

GOOD DAY, PRINCESS KAGUYA
AS TROUBLED A FACE AS EVER, CINDERELLA
THE THIRD MISTRESS...!! WHO IS AFTER TAROU'S LIFE!?
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